

Department of Pesticide Regulation  
California School IPM Program  
Update on Accomplishments and Future Plans  
(January 2007 – December 2007)

You can view [previous updates](http://www.schoolipm.info) to the School IPM Advisory Group on our School IPM Web site ([www.schoolipm.info](http://www.schoolipm.info)).

## 1. Accomplishments (January 2007 — June 2007)

### Training

- The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) conducted three regional school integrated pest management (IPM) training workshops for school district IPM coordinators (see table below). Michael Baefsky taught landscape IPM and Ingrid Carmean taught structural IPM at all locations. From 2002 to the present, DPR has conducted 22 regional training workshops and trained 755 people from 646 of the state's approximately 988 school districts.

Date (2007)	Location	City	County
April 12	Franklin High School	Stockton	Fresno
May 22	Kern High School District Regional Occupational Center	Bakersfield	Kern
June 27	Carnegie Middle School	Carson	Los Angeles

### Survey

- Staff mailed the 2007 survey questionnaire to school districts statewide. The survey is part of our ongoing effort to measure the success of DPR's program and the adoption of IPM for key pests in schools.

### Outreach

DPR staff:

- Made four presentations, responded to questions and requests for information from school districts and other stakeholders, and sent monthly updates on IPM topics via our School IPM listserv.
- Published these articles:
  - Babb, T. 2007. Roundup in Schools. *PARMA FACTS* 4(3): 3.
  - Messenger, B., T. Babb, and S. Simmons. 2007. Moving Toward Better Ant and Weed Management in Schools. *CASH Register* 28(3): 10-11.

### Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green

- Provided information on the Healthy Schools Act and IPM to the Department of Social Services for use in their statewide orientations.
- DPR developed a fact sheet (available in English and Spanish), entitled "[What you need to know about the Healthy Schools Act and child care facilities.](#)" and posted it to the Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green home page.

- DPR added a [Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green](#) page to its School IPM Web site that includes information that child care providers and others may use to comply with the Healthy Schools Act requirements.
- DPR provided information to its regulated community about the new requirements that Assembly Bill 2865 added to the Healthy Schools Act.
- DPR invited representatives from the Department of Social Services, Department of Education, and the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network to attend one of its upcoming School IPM training workshops.

## **2. Future Plans (July 2007—December 2007)**

### Training

- DPR plans to conduct one regional school IPM training workshop statewide (see table below). Each workshop can accommodate up to 40 participants. At each workshop, information about the principles of IPM and the resources available through the University of California will be presented. County Agricultural Commissioners will discuss enforcement issues related to school IPM and the Healthy Schools Act. Workshop trainers include Phil Boise of Urban-Ag Ecology for landscape IPM and Jeff Van Diepen of Pestmaster Services, Inc. for structural IPM.

<b>Date (2007)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>
October	Salinas	Monterey

- DPR plans to produce and distribute a 2007-08 calendar of IPM activities for IPM coordinators.
- DPR also plans to produce and distribute an ant bait poster that explains why baiting is the most effective ant management practice and why it takes some time. Teachers and child care professionals are the intended audience.

### Survey

- DPR and its contractor will analyze the survey responses and begin drafting the report.

### Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green

- DPR plans to hire a staff person to lead implementation of the Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green program and the requirements of the Healthy Schools Act regarding child care facilities.

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